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ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ON RESEARCH INTO
THE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POPULATION,
DEVELOPMENT, RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

REFERENCE: 1. USUN 5235; 2. STATE 262020

1. SECOND COMMITTEE 10 P.M. 5 DECEMBER ADOPTED BY
CONSENSUS DRAFT RES (A/C.2/L.1389/REV.1 AS FURTHER
ORALLY AMENDED) ON THE QUESTION OF RESEARCH ON THE
INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POPULATION, DEVELOPMENT,
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT. SWEDISH DRAFTED RES SPRINGS
FROM RESOLUTION NINE OF WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE
AND WAS CO-SPONSORED BY BANGLADESH, DENMARK, DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, FINLAND, INDIA, JAMAICA, KENYA,
NORWAY AND PAKISTAN. ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL WITHDREW
BULK OF THEIR FORMALLY TABLED AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT RES
AFTER DAYS OF PRESSURE ON CO-SPONSORS AND AFTER RECEIVING
CERTAIN CONCESSIONS FROM THEM CONTAINED IN L.1389 REV 1
PLUS ORAL AMENDMENTS.

2. RESOLUTION REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE
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APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR

COORDINATED MULTI-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AIMED AT "SYNTHESIZING, INTEGRATING AND ADVANCING EXISTING KNOWLEDGE ON THE INTERRELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN POPULATION, DEVELOPMENT, RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT." ARGENTINA HAD INSERTED TO ASSIST "PARTICULARLY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." BRAZIL INSERTED THAT THE RESEARCH FACILITIES SHOULD FUNCTION "ALSO AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL."

3. OPERATIVE PARA TWO STATES: "DECIDES THAT THE STUDIES TO BE CARRIED OUT SHOULD TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION.:" BECAUSE THIS LANGUAGE ON NIEO ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. WE WERE ABLE TO JOIN IN THE CONSENSUS. FYI. SWEDEN TOOK OUR REPRESENTATIONS ON FORMULATING OF NIEO REFERENCES VERY SERIOUSLY. THEY THUS REFUSED TO TABLE UNACCEPTED LANGUAGE RE NIEO ASSUMPTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION THAT ARGENTINA DURING CONSULTATIONS HAD PUSHED THEM HARD TO ACCEPT.

4. SWEDEN BECAUSE OF UNHAPPINESS ON THE PART SOME OF HER AMENDMENT CO-SPONSORS AND OTHERS (ESPECIALLY YUGOSLAVIA) WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT OUR SUGGESTION THAT UNITAR AND ITS COMMITTEE FOR THE FUTURE BE EXPLICITLY NAMED IN THE RESOLUTION AS THE BODY TO DIRECT RESEARCH AND PULL TOGETHER THE FINDINGS, BUT AN OBLIQUE REFERENCE IS MADE IN OP PARA THREE TO UNITAR ("TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT EXISTING PLANS AND PROVISIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS FOR A PROGRAMME OF INTEGRATED STUDIES ON THE FUTURE"). NOTE SWEDEN HAD INCLUDED A MENTION OF UNITAR IN ITS REVISED WORKING DRAFT BUT WAS FORCED TO DROP IT. USDEL IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE REFERRED TO SWEDISH AMBASSADOR THORSON'S INTRODUCTION OF RES IN NOVEMBER WHEN SHE HAD SPELLED OUT BOTH UNITAR AS THE AGENT AND THAT THE RESEARCH WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY SPECIAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITAR'S COMMITTEE OF THE FUTURE. USDEL ADDED THAT WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED SEE SUCH LANGUAGE IN THE RES BUT IN SPIRIT OF CONSENSUS "WHICH UNFORTUNATELY HAD NOT PREVAILED IN DRAFT OMNIBUS RES ON POP-
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ULATION WHICH WE HAVE JUST VOTED UPON" WE WOULD NOT PUSH OUR SUGGESTION TO THE VOTE. RES AS APPROVED FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL.

5. DRAFT RES AS ADOPTED CORRECTED EARLIER OVER-EMPHASIS ON UNEP AND BRINGS REPORTING CHANNEL TO CONFORM TO U.S. AND OTHERS WISHES, NAMELY, TO ECOSOC WITH "COMMENTS, AS APPROPRIATE, OF THE POPULATION COMMISSION, THE

GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP AND OTHER RELEVANT UN BODIES."
SWEDEN HAD WANTED THE REPORT TO ECOSOC TO GO
THROUGH THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP.
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